



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 1754  
PATENT APPLICATION

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For: CARBON FIBER, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND APPARATUS  
THEREFOR

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2005, the period of response to which has been extended for three months by a concurrently filed Petition for Extension of Time and attached fee, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 13 and 15 to 17 are all the claims pending in the application.

The present invention as set forth in claim 13 is directed to a graphitized carbon fiber obtained by a high temperature heat treatment method for vapor grown carbon fiber which has been produced through thermal decomposition reaction of a carbon source and a transition metal catalyst, serving as main raw materials, which method comprises vaporizing a metal impurity